

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:**

In one preferred aspect, the exendin or exendin agonist used in the methods of the present invention is exendin-4. In another preferred aspect, the exendin is exendin-3. In other preferred aspects, the exendin or exendin agonist is a compound of the formula (I) [SEQ ID NO. 4]:

Xaa<sub>1</sub> Xaa<sub>2</sub> Xaa<sub>3</sub> Gly Xaa<sub>5</sub> Xaa<sub>6</sub> Xaa<sub>7</sub> Xaa<sub>8</sub> Xaa<sub>9</sub> Xaa<sub>10</sub>  
Xaa<sub>11</sub> Xaa<sub>12</sub> Xaa<sub>13</sub> Xaa<sub>14</sub> Xaa<sub>15</sub> Xaa<sub>16</sub> Xaa<sub>17</sub> Ala Xaa<sub>19</sub> Xaa<sub>20</sub>  
Xaa<sub>21</sub> Xaa<sub>22</sub> Xaa<sub>23</sub> Xaa<sub>24</sub> Xaa<sub>25</sub> Xaa<sub>26</sub> Xaa<sub>27</sub> Xaa<sub>28</sub>-Z<sub>1</sub>; wherein  
Xaa<sub>1</sub> is His, Arg or Tyr;  
Xaa<sub>2</sub> is Ser, Gly, Ala or Thr;  
Xaa<sub>3</sub> is Asp, Ala or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>5</sub> is Ala or Thr;  
Xaa<sub>6</sub> is Ala, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;  
Xaa<sub>7</sub> is Thr or Ser;  
Xaa<sub>8</sub> is Ala, Ser or Thr;  
Xaa<sub>9</sub> is Asp or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>10</sub> is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, pentylglycine or Met;  
Xaa<sub>11</sub> is Ala or Ser;  
Xaa<sub>12</sub> is Ala or Lys;  
Xaa<sub>13</sub> is Ala or Gln;  
Xaa<sub>14</sub> is Ala, Leu, Ile, pentylglycine, Val or Met;  
Xaa<sub>15</sub> is Ala or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>16</sub> is Ala or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>17</sub> is Ala or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>19</sub> is Ala or Val;  
Xaa<sub>20</sub> is Ala or Arg;  
Xaa<sub>21</sub> is Ala or Leu;  
Xaa<sub>22</sub> is Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa<sub>23</sub> is Ile, Val, Leu, pentylglycine, tert-butylglycine or Met;

Xaa<sub>24</sub> is Ala, Glu or Asp;

Xaa<sub>25</sub> is Ala, Trp, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa<sub>26</sub> is Ala or Leu;

Xaa<sub>27</sub> is Ala or Lys;

Xaa<sub>28</sub> is Ala or Asn;

Z<sub>1</sub> is -OH,

-NH<sub>2</sub>,

Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub> Xaa<sub>38</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>, or

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub> Xaa<sub>38</sub> Xaa<sub>39</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>;

wherein Xaa<sub>31</sub>, Xaa<sub>36</sub>, Xaa<sub>37</sub> and Xaa<sub>38</sub> are independently

selected from the group consisting of Pro,

homoproline, 3Hyp, 4Hyp, thioproline,

N-alkylglycine, N-alkylpentylglycine and

N-alkylalanine; Xaa<sub>39</sub> is Ser, Thr or Tyr; and

Z<sub>2</sub> is -OH or -NH<sub>2</sub>; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

provided that no more than three of Xaa<sub>3</sub>, Xaa<sub>5</sub>, Xaa<sub>6</sub>, Xaa<sub>8</sub>, Xaa<sub>10</sub>, Xaa<sub>11</sub>, Xaa<sub>12</sub>, Xaa<sub>13</sub>, Xaa<sub>14</sub>,

Xaa<sub>15</sub>, Xaa<sub>16</sub>, Xaa<sub>17</sub>, Xaa<sub>19</sub>, Xaa<sub>20</sub>, Xaa<sub>21</sub>, Xaa<sub>24</sub>, Xaa<sub>25</sub>, Xaa<sub>26</sub>, Xaa<sub>27</sub>, and Xaa<sub>28</sub> are Ala; and

provided also that the compound is not exendin-3 [SEQ ID NO. 1] or exendin-4 [SEQ ID NO. 2].

In other aspects of the invention, the increase in urine flow is accompanied by an increase in sodium excretion in said individual. In most preferred aspects, the increase in urine flow does not increase urinary potassium concentration in said individual.

**Please replace paragraph [0085] with the following amended paragraph:**

Exendin agonist compounds include those described in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/055,404; 60/066,029; and 60/065,442. Preferred exendin agonist compounds include peptide compounds of the formula (I) [SEQ ID NO. 4]:

Xaa<sub>1</sub> Xaa<sub>2</sub> Xaa<sub>3</sub> Gly Xaa<sub>5</sub> Xaa<sub>6</sub> Xaa<sub>7</sub> Xaa<sub>8</sub> Xaa<sub>9</sub> Xaa<sub>10</sub>  
Xaa<sub>11</sub> Xaa<sub>12</sub> Xaa<sub>13</sub> Xaa<sub>14</sub> Xaa<sub>15</sub> Xaa<sub>16</sub> Xaa<sub>17</sub> Ala Xaa<sub>19</sub> Xaa<sub>20</sub>  
Xaa<sub>21</sub> Xaa<sub>22</sub> Xaa<sub>23</sub> Xaa<sub>24</sub> Xaa<sub>25</sub> Xaa<sub>26</sub> Xaa<sub>27</sub> Xaa<sub>28</sub>-Z<sub>1</sub>; wherein  
Xaa<sub>1</sub> is His, Arg or Tyr;  
Xaa<sub>2</sub> is Ser, Gly, Ala or Thr;  
Xaa<sub>3</sub> is Asp, Ala or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>5</sub> is Ala or Thr;  
Xaa<sub>6</sub> is Ala, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;  
Xaa<sub>7</sub> is Thr or Ser;  
Xaa<sub>8</sub> is Ala, Ser or Thr;  
Xaa<sub>9</sub> is Asp or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>10</sub> is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, pentylglycine or Met;  
Xaa<sub>11</sub> is Ala or Ser;  
Xaa<sub>12</sub> is Ala or Lys;  
Xaa<sub>13</sub> is Ala or Gln;  
Xaa<sub>14</sub> is Ala, Leu, Ile, pentylglycine, Val or Met;  
Xaa<sub>15</sub> is Ala or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>16</sub> is Ala or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>17</sub> is Ala or Glu;  
Xaa<sub>19</sub> is Ala or Val;  
Xaa<sub>20</sub> is Ala or Arg;

Xaa<sub>21</sub> is Ala or Leu;  
Xaa<sub>22</sub> is Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;  
Xaa<sub>23</sub> is Ile, Val, Leu, pentylglycine, tert-butylglycine  
or Met;  
Xaa<sub>24</sub> is Ala, Glu or Asp;  
Xaa<sub>25</sub> is Ala, Trp, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;  
Xaa<sub>26</sub> is Ala or Leu;  
Xaa<sub>27</sub> is Ala or Lys;  
Xaa<sub>28</sub> is Ala or Asn;  
Z<sub>1</sub> is -OH,

-NH<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub> Xaa<sub>38</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>, or  
Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub> Xaa<sub>38</sub> Xaa<sub>39</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>;  
wherein Xaa<sub>31</sub>, Xaa<sub>36</sub>, Xaa<sub>37</sub> and Xaa<sub>38</sub> are independently  
selected from the group consisting of Pro,  
homoprolidine, 3Hyp, 4Hyp, thioprolidine,  
N-alkylglycine, N-alkylpentylglycine and  
N-alkylalanine; Xaa<sub>39</sub> is Ser, Thr or Tyr; and  
Z<sub>2</sub> is -OH or -NH<sub>2</sub>; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

provided that no more than three of Xaa<sub>3</sub>, Xaa<sub>5</sub>, Xaa<sub>6</sub>, Xaa<sub>8</sub>, Xaa<sub>10</sub>, Xaa<sub>11</sub>, Xaa<sub>12</sub>, Xaa<sub>13</sub>, Xaa<sub>14</sub>, Xaa<sub>15</sub>, Xaa<sub>16</sub>, Xaa<sub>17</sub>, Xaa<sub>19</sub>, Xaa<sub>20</sub>, Xaa<sub>21</sub>, Xaa<sub>24</sub>, Xaa<sub>25</sub>, Xaa<sub>26</sub>, Xaa<sub>27</sub>, and Xaa<sub>28</sub> are Ala; and provided also that the compound is not exendin-3 or exendin-4.

**Please replace paragraph [0096] with the following amended paragraph:**

According to an especially preferred aspect, especially preferred compounds include those of formula (I) wherein: Xaa<sub>1</sub> is His or Arg; Xaa<sub>2</sub> is Gly or Ala; Xaa<sub>3</sub> is Asp, Ala or Glu; Xaa<sub>5</sub> is Ala or Thr; Xaa<sub>6</sub> is Ala, Phe or naphthylalaine; Xaa<sub>7</sub> is Thr or Ser; Xaa<sub>8</sub> is Ala, Ser or Thr; Xaa<sub>9</sub> is Asp or Glu; Xaa<sub>10</sub> is Ala, Leu or pentylglycine; Xaa<sub>11</sub> is Ala or Ser; Xaa<sub>12</sub> is Ala or Lys; Xaa<sub>13</sub> is Ala or Gln; Xaa<sub>14</sub> is Ala, Leu or pentylglycine; Xaa<sub>15</sub> is Ala or Glu; Xaa<sub>16</sub> is Ala or Glu; Xaa<sub>17</sub> is Ala or Glu; Xaa<sub>19</sub> is Ala or Val; Xaa<sub>20</sub> is Ala or Arg; Xaa<sub>21</sub> is Ala or Leu; Xaa<sub>22</sub> is Phe or naphthylalanine; Xaa<sub>23</sub> is Ile, Val or tert-butylglycine; Xaa<sub>24</sub> is Ala, Glu or Asp; Xaa<sub>25</sub> is Ala, Trp or Phe; Xaa<sub>26</sub> is Ala or Leu; Xaa<sub>27</sub> is Ala or Lys; Xaa<sub>28</sub> is Ala or Asn; Z<sub>1</sub> is -OH, -NH<sub>2</sub>, Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>, Gly Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>, Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>, Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>, Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>, Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>, Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z<sub>2</sub>, Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>, Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub> Xaa<sub>38</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>; Xaa<sub>31</sub>, Xaa<sub>36</sub>, Xaa<sub>37</sub> and Xaa<sub>38</sub> being independently Pro homoproline, thioproline or N-methylalanine; and Z<sub>2</sub> being -OH or -NH<sub>2</sub>; provided that no more than three of Xaa<sub>3</sub>, Xaa<sub>5</sub>, Xaa<sub>6</sub>, Xaa<sub>8</sub>, Xaa<sub>10</sub>, Xaa<sub>11</sub>, Xaa<sub>12</sub>, Xaa<sub>13</sub>, Xaa<sub>14</sub>, Xaa<sub>15</sub>, Xaa<sub>16</sub>, Xaa<sub>17</sub>, Xaa<sub>19</sub>, Xaa<sub>20</sub>, Xaa<sub>21</sub>, Xaa<sub>24</sub>, Xaa<sub>25</sub>, Xaa<sub>26</sub>, Xaa<sub>27</sub> and Xaa<sub>28</sub> are Ala. Especially preferred compounds include those having the amino